

## FCC 388

### DTV Consumer Education Quarterly Activity Report

#### Instructions

This form should be used to provide the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with information pertaining to all station activity to educate consumers on the transition to digital television (DTV). All stations should log DTV Transition-Related Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and other DTV activities using the appropriate house (identification) numbers. These logs or records should include the date and time that each DTV activity occurred. This form must be filed in Docket Number 07-148 as Document Type: REPORT, and placed in the station's Public Inspection File. This form must continue to be filed for each quarter in which a station has DTV Transition education obligations.

- Go to the ECFS upload page: [http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload\\_v2.cgi](http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi)
- Fill out the relevant cover sheet information.
- In the "Send Comment Files to FCC (Attachments)" section click the "Browse" button to choose the file you want to attach. (Or the first file if you have multiple files to attach)
- Click on the "Select one of these file types or convert your file to one of these types:" dropdown to choose the type of file that was attached.
- Click "Send Attached File to FCC"
- If you only had one file to attach click "Finish Transaction and Receive Confirmation".
- If you have another file to attach, click on the "Enter Additional Attachments"

Station Call Sign(s)

WBAL-TV

Report reflects information for quarter ending (mm/dd/yy)

03/31/08

Have you opted to comply with Option One, Two, or Three (once elected, this choice may not change)?

☐ Option One (A and D)

☒ Option Two (B and D)

☐ Option Three (C and D)

Over the past quarter, have you fully complied with the requirements of this option?

☒ Yes ☐ No

#### Simulcasting

Are you simulcasting on your Analog channel and your primary Digital stream?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If **YES**, complete only one form for both. If **NO**, complete a form for your Analog channel and a second for your primary Digital stream

Call Sign  WBAL-TV	Channel Numbers  Analog    11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital    59 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community of License			
		City	State	County	Zip Code
		BALTIMORE	MD		21211
Licensee    WBAL HEARST-ARGYLE TELEVISION, INC.					
Above, circle the Channel Number(s) to which this form applies.  11, 59		Nielsen DMA  BALTIMORE	World Wide Web Home Page Address  WWW.WBALTV.COM		

Facility ID Number	Previous Call Sign (if applicable)	License Renewal Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)
65696		10/01/12

### Section A (For broadcasters electing Option One)

Stations that elect Option One must place a copy of this form on the station's public website, if such exists.

On its analog channel, and its primary digital stream, a station must air one transition PSA, and run one transition crawl, in every quarter of every day. This requirement will increase to two PSAs and crawls per quarter per day on April 1, 2008, and to three of each on October 1, 2008. Stations are required to air PSAs or crawls at various times in any given day part, and at least one PSA and one crawl per day must be run during primetime hours. On-air education must not contain inaccurate or misleading statements and must be provided in the same language as a majority of the programming carried by the station. PSAs must be at least 15 seconds, and closed-captioned. Crawls must run during programming for no fewer than 60 consecutive seconds across the bottom or top of the viewing area (See rules for additional details).

Have you aired a sufficient number of eligible PSAs (28, 56, or 84 per week, depending on the reporting period) during the correct quarters of the day?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you aired a sufficient number of eligible crawls (28, 56, or 84 per week, depending on the reporting period) during the correct quarters of the day?

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Section B (For broadcasters electing Option Two)

On its analog channel, and its primary digital stream, a station must run an average of 16 transition-related PSAs and 16 transition-related crawls, snipes, and/or tickers per week in each quarter, all between the hours of 5 a.m. and 1 a.m.. It must also run one 30 minute DTV-related informational program once, and one 100-Day Countdown piece per day for the 100 days prior to the conclusion of the transition. Comment boxes MUST be used to describe these compliant activities (See rules for additional details).

### Total Number of Eligible DTV Transition-Related PSAs and Crawls, Snipes, and/or Tickers (CSTs) Run -- Last Quarter

How many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run between 5:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. last quarter?

Total 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. PSAs

4

Total 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. CSTs

12

For informational purposes only, how many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run in the last quarter from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.?

Total 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. PSAs

2

Total 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. CSTs

4

For stations located in the Eastern or Pacific Time Zone, how many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run in the last quarter from 6:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. (must average at least 4 per week)?

Total 6:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. PSAs

2

Total 6:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. CSTs

4

For stations located in the Central or Mountain Time Zone, how many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run in the last quarter from 5:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m.(must average at least 4 per week)?

Total 5:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m. PSAs

N/A

Total 5:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m. CSTs

N/A

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

Pursuant to DA 08-757, the reporting period covered by the instant report only includes one day, March 31, 2008. Nonetheless, this report, in Section D, provides information about voluntary measures taken by the Station prior to the effective date of the applicable rule. The information provided in Section B only relates to March 31, 2008

The Station's crawl stated: By law, full-power television stations nationwide must switch from the old method of transmitting TV signals known as analog to digital television (DTV) on February 17, 2009. Millions of households risk losing television reception unless they take the easy steps to receive a digital signal. For more information on how to prepare for the switch, please visit [dtvanswers.com](http://dtvanswers.com) or [wbaltv.com](http://wbaltv.com).

### 30 Minute Educational Programs – Last Quarter

How many 30 minute, DTV-related informational programs did your station run during the quarter? At least one such program must be run between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:35 p.m., prior to February 17, 2009.

Total number of 30 Minute Informational Programs

0

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

### 100-Day Countdown Eligible Pieces – Last Quarter

Beginning on November 10, 2008, all stations participating in Option Two will engage in special 100-Day “Countdown to DTV” activities. Stations must execute a minimum of one “Countdown to DTV” on-air activity per day during the 100 days leading up to February 17, 2009. During the last quarter, how many of each eligible 100-Day “Countdown to DTV” pieces did your station run?

*Graphic Displays*

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*Animated Graphics*

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*Graphic and Audio Displays*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Longer Form Reminders*

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Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**Section C (For Noncommercial broadcasters only)**

On its analog channel, and its primary digital stream, a station must air 60 seconds per day of on-air consumer education, in variable timeslots, including at least 7.5 minutes per month between 6 pm and 12 am. Beginning May 1, 2008, this requirement doubles, and beginning November 1, 2008, it increases again, to 180 seconds per day and 22.5 minutes per month between 6 pm and midnight. It must also run one 30 minute transition education piece once (See rules for additional details).

Have you aired a sufficient amount of consumer education (60, 120, or 180 seconds per day, depending on the date) during each day this quarter?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

**30 Minute Educational Programs – Last Quarter**

How many 30 minute, DTV-related informational programs did your station run during the quarter? The comment box may be used to describe this activity. At least one such program must be run between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:35 p.m., prior to February 17, 2009.

Total number of 30 Minute Informational Programs

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**Section D (For all broadcasters)**

**Additional DTV On-air Initiatives – Last Quarter**

Did your station run additional on-air initiatives (such as news reports, town hall meetings, etc.) during the quarter?  
The comment box may be used to describe these initiatives.

☒ Yes    ☐ No

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

FROM JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> THE STATION RAN 346 PSA'S AND 884 SNIPES, CRAWLS, AND TICKERS. THE PSA'S WERE GENERATED BY NBC AND THE NAB AND WERE 30 SECONDS IN LENGTH. THE SNIPES, CRAWLS, AND TICKERS WERE CREATED LOCALLY AND WERE FOUR SECONDS IN LENGTH.

THE FOLLOWING DTV TRANSITION-RELATED NEWS STORIES AIRED ON THE STATION BETWEEN OCT. 2007 AND FEB. 2008:

October 15, 2007

5pm News

DTV Campaign Launch

October 16, 2007

5am News

DTV Campaign Launch

6am News

DTV Campaign Launch

Noon News

DTV Campaign Launch

October 21, 2007

Sunday 5am News

DTV Campaign Launch

November 2, 2007

6am News

DTV Questions Answered

November 23, 2007

6pm News

Digital TV Sales

11pm News

Digital TV Sales

November 24, 2007

Saturday 6am News

Digital TV Sales

November 25, 2007

Sunday 5am News

Digital TV Sales

December 14, 2007

5am News

Digital TV Coupons Preview

6am News

Digital TV Coupons Preview

January 1, 2008

6am News

Digital TV Coupons Available

January 2, 2008

5pm News

Digital TV Coupons Available

11pm News

Digital TV Coupons Available

January 3, 2008

Noon News

Digital TV Coupons Available

January 6, 2008

Sunday 5am News

Digital TV Coupons Available

January 7, 2008

Noon News

Digital TV Coupons Update

February 13, 2008

5pm News

Consumer Advocates Talk DTV Transition

February 14, 2008

6am News

Digital TV Coupons Update

February 19, 2008

5pm News

DTV Ad Campaigns

IN ADDITION, WBAL-TV RAN 10 EDITORIALS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, AND THREE LOCALLY PRODUCED TUTORIALS RELATING TO THE DTV TRANSITION. THE EDITORIALS AIRED DURING NEWSCASTS MARCH 20-23.

#### Station Website Additional Activity Related to the DTV Transition – Last Quarter

Does your station have a Website?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If YES, did your station provide additional DTV related information or activities on that Website? The comment box may be used to describe what was posted on the station's Website.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

WBALTV.com homepage features a DTV countdown clock. In addition, the website has an entire section ([www.wbaltv.com/digital](http://www.wbaltv.com/digital)) dedicated to the DTV transition. This multimedia section includes, among other things, background information, information about DTV converter

boxes, technical information, and FAQs.

#### Additional DTV Outreach Efforts -- Last Quarter

Check all of the DTV related activities listed below that your station engaged in over the last quarter. The comment box may be used to describe this activity.

☒ Speaking Engagements

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):  
WBAL-TV HAS PARTICIPATED IN 4 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

February 5, 2008  
United Way of Central Maryland  
Baltimore, MD

March 8, 2008  
For Nathan Carter School of Music

March 14, 2008  
St. Anne's Adult Day Service  
Baltimore, MD

March 20, 2008  
For the Maryland Food Bank.

☐ Community Events

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

☐ Other (describe)

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**This comment box may be used to include other comments or information about your station's DTV activity over the last quarter.**

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):


#### STATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that the statements in this document are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing

Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing



JORDAN WERTLIEB	GENERAL MANAGER
Signature 	Date 04/04/2008

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